STEVEN BENITO RUSSO, SBN 104858 1 MEARSEN Chief of Enforcement JULIA BILAVER, SBN 192155 2 Commission Counsel 02 NOV 13 PM 4: 11 FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION 3 428 J Street, Suite 620 SACRAMENTO COURTS Sacramento, CA 95814 4 DEPT. #53 Telephone: (916) 322-5660 Facsimile: (916) 322-1932 5 Attorneys for Plaintiff 6 7 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY SACRAMENTO 10 11 02AM09141 FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION.) Case No. 12 a state agency, FPPC No.: 02/021 13 Plaintiff. STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF 14 JUDGMENT v. 15 NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL (IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFF COMMITTEE NON-FEDERAL (CALIFORNIA) AGAINST DEFENDANTS) 16 AND DONNA ANDERSON. 17 Defendants. 18 19 Plaintiff Fair Political Practices Commission, a state agency, by its attorneys, and Defendants National Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California) and Donna Anderson enter into 20 this stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues pertaining to the complaint for civil penalties filed 21 herewith. 22 23 It is stipulated by and between the parties as follows: The complaint on file in this action was properly filed and served on Defendants National 24 Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California) and Donna Anderson. 25 Jurisdiction of the subject matter and of the parties to this action and venue are properly in 26 Sacramento Superior Court. The complaint states one cause of action against Defendants National 27 28

Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California) and Donna Anderson, and any defects in the complaint are expressly waived.

The Court will enter judgment in this action, pursuant to the stipulation, on request of Plaintiff Fair Political Practices Commission without notice to Defendants National Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California) and Donna Anderson. Plaintiff Fair Political Practices Commission and Defendants National Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California) and Donna Anderson agree to enter into this stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this matter, and to reach a final disposition with respect to Defendants, without the necessity of holding a civil trial to determine their liability.

Defendants National Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California) and Donna Anderson understand, and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive, any and all procedural rights that they could have exercised if this stipulation had not been entered into, including, but not limited to, their right to civil discovery, to appear personally at any civil trial held in this matter, to confront and cross-examine witnesses, and to have the trial presided over by an impartial judge, and heard and decided by a jury.

ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

For the violation of the Political Reform Act admitted herein, Plaintiff Fair Political Practices Commission and Defendants National Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California) and Donna Anderson stipulate that a final judgment be issued and entered in the form of the order attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A," against Defendants National Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California) and Donna Anderson, and in favor of Plaintiff Fair Political Practices Commission, for a monetary penalty of Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000). Payment of this amount shall be made by cashier's check, payable to the "General Fund of the State of California," upon the execution of this stipulation.

The final judgment may be signed by any judge of the Superior Court of the State of California, for the County of Sacramento, and entered by any clerk upon application of any party without notice.

STIPULATED STATEMENT OF LAW AND FACTS

1. THE PARTIES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Plaintiff Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") is a state agency created by the Political Reform Act of 1974 (the "Act"). (Gov. Code §§ 81000 - 91014.) The Commission has primary responsibility for the impartial, effective administration and implementation of the Act. (Gov. Code § 83111.) Pursuant to Government Code section 91001, subdivision (b), the Commission is the civil prosecutor for matters involving state election campaigns, and is authorized to maintain this action under Government Code sections 91001, subdivision (b), 91004, 91005 and 91005.5.

Defendant National Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California) was, at all times relevant to this matter, a recipient committee as defined in Government Code section 82013, subdivision (a). Defendant Donna Anderson was, at all times relevant to this matter, the treasurer of Defendant National Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California).

2. SUMMARY OF THE CAMPAIGN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

An express purpose of the Act, as set forth in Government Code section 81002, subdivision (a), is to ensure that the contributions and expenditures affecting election campaigns are fully and truthfully disclosed to the public, so that voters may be better informed, and so that improper practices will be inhibited. In furtherance of this purpose of disclosure, the Act sets forth a comprehensive campaign reporting system. (Gov. Code § 84200 et seq.)

One feature of this system is Government Code section 84203, subdivision (a). That statute requires a committee that makes a late contribution, to file a late contribution report, disclosing the late contribution, within 24 hours of making the contribution. Government Code section 82036 defines a "late contribution" as a contribution aggregating \$1,000 or more that is received before an election, but after the closing date of the last pre-election statement. Government Code section 82015, subdivision (a), defines a "contribution," in pertinent part, as a payment except to the extent that full and adequate consideration is received, unless it is clear from the surrounding circumstances that it is not made for political purposes. Pursuant to Government Code sections 84200.7 and 84200.8, the late contribution reporting period is the last 16 days before an election.

3. <u>CIVIL LIABILITY PROVISIONS</u>

Under Government Code section 91004, any person who intentionally or negligently violates any of the reporting requirements of the Act shall be liable in a civil action in an amount up to the amount not properly reported. Persons that violate Government Code section 84203 are liable in a civil action pursuant to Government Code section 91004.

Pursuant to Government Code sections 81004, subdivision (b) and section 84100, and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18427, subdivision (c), it is the duty of a committee's treasurer to ensure that the committee complies with all of the requirements of the Act concerning the receipt and expenditure of funds, and the reporting of such funds. A committee's treasurer may he held jointly and severally liable, along with the committee, for any reporting violations committed by the committee. (Gov. Code §§ 83116.5, 91006.)

4. <u>SUMMARY OF THE FACTS</u>

As a recipient committee and treasurer, Defendants National Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California) and Donna Anderson had a duty to comply with the campaign reporting provisions of the Act, including the duty to file late contribution reports as required by Government Code section 84203, subdivision (a).

On October 26, 1998, Defendants made a \$100,000 late contribution to Dan Lungren, a candidate for Governor in the November 3, 1998 general election. The late contribution reporting period for the November 3, 1998 general election was October 18, 1998 through November 2, 1998. Defendants were required to file a late contribution report disclosing the late contribution by October 27, 1998, but failed to do so. By failing to file a late contribution report disclosing a \$100,000 late contribution, Defendants violated Section 84203.

On October 27, 2000, before the November 7, 2000 general election, Defendants made a \$100,000 late contribution to Alan Nakanishi, a candidate for State Senate. The late contribution reporting period for the November 7, 2000 general election was October 22, 2000 through November 6, 2000. Defendants were required to file a late contribution report disclosing the late contribution by October 28, 2000, but failed to do so. By failing to file a late contribution report by October 28, 2000, disclosing the \$100,000 late contribution, Defendants violated Section 84203.

CONCLUSION Judgment shall be entered against Defendants National Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California) and Donna Anderson, and in favor of Plaintiff Fair Political Practices Commission, in the amount of Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000). IT IS SO STIPULATED: Dated: Oct. 17, 2002 Donna Anderson, individually and on behalf of the National Republican Congressional Committee Non-Federal (California), Defendants Dated: 10/24/02 Fair Political Practices Commission, Plaintiff By: Mark Krausse, Executive Director Dated: Julia Bilaver, Attorney for Plaintiff Fair Political Practices Commission